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During October, 2013, the Talbot County Sheriff's Office conducted 41 investigations, 13 of which were crimes reported to the FBI. Reportable crimes for the month consisted of 2 assaults, 6 commercial and/or residential breaking and enterings, 4 thefts, and 1 stolen motor vehicle; all of which qualified as serious reportable offenses under this category. Other non-FBI reportable crimes consisted of malicious destruction of property, weapons offenses, narcotics, trespass, harassment, stalking, and other less serious crimes. During the investigation of all crimes, property valued at \$138,440 was stolen, and items valued at \$70,000 were recovered. Year to date, items valued at \$479,567 have been reported stolen. There was 1 death investigation conducted during the month.

60 persons were arrested for a wide range of crimes, with 2 for burglary, 4 for theft, 1 for the theft of a vehicle, and 6 for narcotics violations. 1 juvenile was part of these total arrests; being arrested for theft. The balance of the total arrests were for vandalism, sex offenses and other crimes. Deputies have arrested 536 people thus far this year; generally 2 people each day. During October, 49 active arrest warrants were received and entered into a nationwide database. Of those, Deputies made 24 arrests and filed 2 detainers on persons already in jail. The balance are open and pending service. No extraditions were conducted during the month.

Deputies patrolled 24,324 miles in the county, and initiated traffic safety activities that resulted in 517 traffic stops; 203 were citations. There were 5 DUI arrests during October; 3 of which were identified by excessive speed (at least 15 MPH over the limit). One arrest was accident involved, and one drunk driver was under the influence of narcotics. Of the 5 drunk drivers, 2 refused to have their breath tested. There were 8 reported traffic accidents, 3 of which qualified for formal investigation, with charges being placed in 2 cases. 1 case was a hit and run, and 1 case was alcohol related. There were 1,137 citizen calls for police services during October. Deputies investigated 36 alarm calls; of which one was actually valid. In that case a person was attempting to break into a building at the Woodlawn Cemetery to steal equipment used to maintain the cemetery; stealing from the dead. Deputies have responded to 387 false alarms this year. During October, Deputies participated in 16 community events.

During courthouse security operations, Deputies screened 2,823 persons who appeared for business in the courthouse complex. 27,718 persons (72% of the total county population) have visited and been screened at the courthouse thus far this year. The Court Security Team examined and screened 44 packages and all US mail items delivered to court offices. No items of contraband were discovered during the screening process. During court trials, 137 hours of courtroom security were provided; to include a high profile sentencing case involving the murder of a police officer. The Court Security Team also conducted 4 bank escorts, 2 summonses, 2 show cause orders, and conducted 2 bench warrant arrests. There was one assignment to Teen Court.

There were no civil/criminal citations issued during October. 16 evictions were processed for service; with 8 executed, and 8 recalled/resolved/scheduled for service. There were 10 formal contacts among the 56 registered sex offenders in Talbot County; with 1 currently listed as homeless. Four of our registered offenders are currently in jail for other crimes or violations of their registration. A special Halloween patrol was initiated to make contact with all offenders. All offenders are currently compliant. For the first time this year, during October there were no police contacts with persons experiencing mental health disorder events that involved calls to the police. There have been 23 police/mental health evaluations thus far this year. There were five 911 hang-up calls investigated. During October, Deputies interceded in 3 reported domestic incidents. 23 Peace and Protective domestic orders were issued during the month, with Deputies involved in the service of 34 variations of initial, interim, and final order service during this period. One arrest was made for violating a domestic order.

We are currently experiencing incidents involving the theft of property from unsecured residences and storage buildings; mostly during the daylight hours. Always lock your doors. To help solve open cases, please report *any* suspicious activity. You do not have to give your name to do this. Citizen tips addressing crime, traffic, or any community safety concern can be anonymously reported to the Talbot County Sheriff's Office at 410-822-1020 or at sheriff@talbotcountymd.gov.